1	2	3
13.	Karnataka	20.8
14.	Kerala	13.2
15.	Madhya Pradesh	36.9
16.	Maharashtra	29.6
17.	Manipur	22.3
18.	Meghalaya	22.3
19.	Mizoram	22.3
20.	Nagaland	22.3
21.	Orissa	46.8
22.	Punjab	9.1
23.	Rajasthan	18.7
24.	Sikkim	22.3
25.	Tamil Nadu	22.8
26.	Tripura	22.3
27.	Uttar Pradesh	33.4
28.	Uttaranchal	40.8
29.	West Bengal	28.6
30.	A & N Islands	22.9
31.	Chandigarh	7.1
32.	D & N Haveli	39.8
33.	Daman & Diu	5.4
34.	Lakshadweep	13.3
35.	Pondicherry	22.9
	All India :	28.3

Wadhwa Committee on corruption in PDS

574. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had appointed Justice Wadhwa Committee to go into the problems ailing the country's PDS;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the people of West Bengal have been agitating for corruption in PDS and if so, the reaction of the State/Central Government thereon; and

(d) whether card holders in Delhi are not getting wheat and rice on their ration cards and if so, the action taken by Government to check the black-marketing of rationed items in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has submitted report relating to Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in Delhi. Main recommendations of the Committee are abolition of APL category, identification of BPL & AAY families to check exclusion, elimination of bogus cards, strengthening of Vigilance/enforcement Wing and Anti Hoarding Cell, computerization of PDS operations, establishment of Helpline, introduction of E-banking, distribution of wheat flour on option creation of independent agency to monitor TPDS, introduction of food coupons, streamlining of FPS licensees and payment of reasonable commission to them, increasing awareness among the beneficiaries about the scheme, introduction of Global Positioning System (GPS) for movement of foodgrains consignments, etc. The report has been sent to Government of NCT of Delhi for comments.

(c) Report have been received about agitation against Fair Price Shops (FPSs) dealers in some parts of West Bengal due to improper distribution of foodgrains by them to Above Poverty Line (APL) cardholders. The Reports/complaints have been sent to the Government of West Bengal for inquiry and corrective measures.

(d) The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that card holders in Delhi are getting rice and wheat on their ration cards. It has also reported that some complaints of black-marketing of ration items have been received. To check black-marketing of ration items, the State Government has reported that—

(i) daily lifting of the Specified Food Articles (SFAs) is being monitored by the Department and DSCSC Ltd.;

(ii) information on lifting of SFAs is made available on website of the State Government for general public;

(iii) Fair Price Shop Owners are to report arrival of SFAs to the Food Supply Officer in writing within 3 hours of receipt of the stock indicating quantity and time;

(iv) Area Inspector is to visit and inspect the FPS within 3 hours of receipt of information and record his visit in the receipt column of the Register;

(v) officers of the Department would conduct monthly random inspection of FPSs/ KODs;

(vi) in case of minor variations of stock and overcharging, penalties have been prescribed; and

(vii) a Special Task Force has been constituted to carry out inspections of PDS outlets to check quality and availability of stock under supervision of Deputy Commissioner (Revenue)/SDM of the districts.